

# HE TIRED OF LIFE

And With a Pocketknife Cut His Own Throat.

## A SOLDIER'S HOME VETERAN

While in a State of Intoxication Attempts to Commit Suicide—No Reason Assigned.

Edward McWilliams, an inmate of the Soldiers' home and a man about 50 years of age, slashed his throat with a pocketknife late yesterday afternoon. McWilliams was first noticed by some of his comrades near the edge of woods acting in a strange manner and making unusual noises. Not suspecting that there was anything more serious than the matter with him, the drunkenness, they went to him with the intention of quieting him. But finding him apparently much irritated, they telephoned for the sheriff at 6:30 o'clock last evening and Deputy Powers was at once dispatched to the home. Before his arrival, however, a handkerchief, which was loosely tied about McWilliams' neck, became saturated with blood and attracted the attention of the veterans who had gone to his assistance. On removing it a dangerous cut in the neck was revealed. The despondent man was then taken in charge by the surgeon of the home who had him taken to the home hospital, where all was done that could be done to relieve his sufferings and save his life. Enquiry failed to reveal any plausible reason for the act and McWilliams was in no fit condition to give any. While the cut is an ugly one and may yet result fatally it is thought that under favorable conditions he will recover.

**City News in Brief.**  
The Rev. A. L. Rose, D. D., brother of the Rev. H. W. Rose, of this city, a veteran missionary who has given 40 years to mission work in Burma, will speak on missions at 10 o'clock this morning at the Calvary Baptist church and this evening at 7:30 at the Wesleyan Avenue Baptist church.

Mrs. Martha C. Strickland will give a talk on parliamentary law Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Rosenbush, No. 71 South Lafayette street, at 8 o'clock, to which ladies and gentlemen interested are invited. Mrs. Strickland will form a class of advanced pupils and one of beginners at the close of the lecture.

R. Fuller, of Detroit, a former pupil of the high school of this city and brother of Dr. William Fuller, has been awarded the gold medal and diploma of membership of the Institute of Parisian Inventors in Paris, France, for the importance and excellence of his inventions.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Thomas of Baltimore, Maryland; the Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Hawley of Lansing; Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Walsh of Iowa; and Mrs. H. C. Jones of Homer have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. U. Thomas of Terrace avenue during the past week.

W. W. Locher, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, will conduct services in English at the German M. E. church, corner of Scribner and Second streets, this evening. Mr. Locher was formerly a resident of this city.

The management of St. Mark's hospital has mailed official notices to physicians of the action taken in opening the hospital to all physicians qualified to practice medicine and surgery under the laws of Michigan.

The funeral of Mrs. Augusta Mierlenbrink, wife of the sexton of Mt. Calvary cemetery, will be held this morning. She died Friday at the sexton's lodge in the cemetery at the age of 72 years and 10 months.

Charles Hyrdorn of Byron was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Sinclair on suspicion of larceny. Hyrdorn was brought to the city and placed in jail to await an examination.

If you are making a change in your bank account take your deposit to the State bank of Michigan. It has the largest capital of any savings institution in the state outside of Detroit.

The installation of the newly elected officers of Penitentiary chapter, O. E. S., will take place Tuesday evening at a special meeting of the chapter in their hall in the McMillen block.

Miss Bertha Wolf, who has been appointed principal of St. Mark's academy, is a graduate of the Grand Rapids High school and the University of Michigan. The school opens Monday.

The boys and girls pupils and members of the German Turner society will give a calisthenic and gymnastic exhibition next Friday evening in their hall on Jefferson street.

The Macabees reviewing stand on Campus square was torn down and removed yesterday afternoon, and nearly all of the street decorations have been taken down.

Mrs. A. D. Guivier, of Chicago, who was announced to sing this morning at the Westminster Presbyterian church, can not appear until the first Sunday in October.

Carl Knott & Company advertise their retail opening of fine millinery novelties for fall wear for Wednesday and Thursday, September 27th and 28th.

St. Mary's hospital now has several rooms fitted up for the care of patients and the sisters in charge are laying the foundation for a popular institution.

Closed cars have been put on the Cherry street and other lines by the Consolidated Street Railway company, in anticipation of colder weather.

Francis Campbell has resumed the leadership of St. Mark's church choir. There are not a few vacancies to be filled with suitable voices.

Miss Francis Rogers of No. 63 Park street entertained a number of her young friends last evening. All enjoyed a splendid evening.

I. E. Pettit of Peck Bros. will leave tonight for Milwaukee and Chicago for a week's vacation, accompanied by his mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Blood of No. 16 Pleasant street are entertaining Editor E. A. Pennington and wife of Hammond, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. W. H. Lobdell and daughter, Alice, returned Thursday from Chicago and the world's fair, where they have been for a week.

Jay D. Farr and George F. W. Reid have returned from Chicago and the world's fair, where they have been for two weeks.

James Shields and sister, Miss Helen, and Miss May Statler have returned from a two weeks' visit to the world's fair.

W. Blain left yesterday for Oakland and Wayne counties as a helper for the grand bridge of Good Templars.

The Hon. C. F. Hartsen of Chascona, a former newspaper man, is in the

city for a few days. He is at The Motor

Harry J. Mulberry, late of No. 92 West Bridge street, has accepted a position with the Giant Clothing company.

A delegation of thirty insurance agents attended the funeral of the Hon. M. S. Crosby Friday afternoon.

An alarm of fire from box 225 called the department out, yesterday morning. It was a burning chimney.

The Rev. William Wiley of New York will speak at the Waterloo street mission, No. 19, this evening.

Sister Marcella of Cincinnati is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Shields of No. 182 Wealthy avenue.

Mrs. H. A. Randolph and daughter, Stella, have returned from a week's visit at the fair.

D. C. Sagers of Jackson is spending Sunday with W. M. Johnson at the Vandewater.

E. C. Mangold returned yesterday from a visit to the world's fair.

Judge Adelt and family have returned from the world's fair.

H. T. Chase and family returned from the sea shore Friday.

## CHARITY SOCIETY NOTES.

**They Charge Discrimination.**—Something About the District Nurses.

Yesterday a delegation of Germans and Poles called at the office of the Charity Organization society and complained that Holland contractors discriminate against all nationalities except Hollanders in giving out employment.

They said that it was seldom that a Pole or a German could get a job with a Holland contractor. The delegation's story was heard and they were advised to make a statement of the case to the Holland clergymen of the city. They were asked if the American and Irish contractors did not follow the same practice, but they replied that American and Irish contractors show no preference to any nationality.

The district nurse has ten fewer patients each one of whom should be bathed and cared for daily. These patients are scattered in all parts of the city. In each of these cases the nurse is obliged to have clothing and bedding. In most cases the only proper food these sufferers get is that furnished by the nurse. She also has two other patients who are very sick and more than one dozen who need occasional calls. The work has grown so large that last week a nurse from the U. R. A. hospital worked two half days. More volunteer help is needed for convalescents and trained nurses for fever patients. It is hoped that some society or church will raise money enough to hire a nurse for the society. Since September 1 the district nurse has made eighty-four calls, almost six a day. Volunteers have made eight calls for her.

A Swede who is handy with horses would like a place as coachman. He has a wife but no other family.

A good carpenter, out of work, would like work. He will go in the country and take produce for his pay.

A good tailress would like work mending men's clothes.

A girl of 15 would like a place as nurse girl.

## Kindergarten Notes.

Many of the private kindergartens opened last week. Some new ones are opening this year. Miss Marie Caulfield has organized a class at her home, corner of Sheldon and Oak streets, and Miss Hattie Krause will open a kindergarten on Scribner street tomorrow.

Miss Josephine Erving opens her private kindergarten at Trinity church tomorrow, having the use of a very pleasant and large room in the church. An added feature of this kindergarten will be a connecting or primary class.

The kindergarten training classes have enjoyed very interesting meetings during the past week at the kindergarten headquarters, No. 113 South Lafayette street. Miss Hester Stowe, the assistant training teacher, arrived from Chicago Thursday, and the principal, Mr. Treat, is expected tomorrow morning.

The classes of the training school will meet every day the coming week in charge of Mrs. Treat and Miss Stowe.

The private kindergarten in charge of Miss Stowe opens October 1st.

## Remembered Their Teacher.

The members of Amos S. Musselman's Sunday school class of the Immanuel Presbyterian church gave him a pleasant surprise Friday evening. Presiding personal duties and care had made it necessary that he should terminate the relations which had for so long time existed between him and them, and on Sunday last he held class exercises for the last time. The association had been so exceedingly pleasant and profitable to the people that they concluded to show in no uncertain way their recognition of it, and in a body called at his home, No. 38 South Prospect street, about 8 o'clock. After a time spent socially, Leslie French, in a few well chosen words, expressed the deep regret of the entire class in parting from Mr. Musselman. At the close of his remarks Henry Cheney handed him, in behalf of the class, a beautiful edition of Canon Farrar's "Life of Christ" and a golden chain, on which was engraved an open Bible. Mr. Musselman made a brief response, in which he stated that the sweet spirit which had prompted these gifts came to him a token of love and confidence which would dwell ever in his heart. After refreshments had been served by Mrs. Musselman the evening's pleasure came to an end.

## Hands Maimed by Shapers.

Yesterday E. W. Kellogg, an employee at the Oriol Furniture factory, had three fingers and the thumb of his right hand badly cut by a shaper; but Anna P. Stewart of the Folding Chair and Table company went him one better, with four fingers and the thumb of his left hand, which was nearly amputated in the same manner. Dr. DeCamp attended both patients.

## Silver Lake Quarter.

The central W. C. T. U. and Good Templars have arranged the Silver Lake quarter of New York to give a week's entertainment in the courts, beginning October 2, two nights to be given in this city. This is said to be the most popular quarter in the United States, and the entertainment will be along the line of a temperance revival.

## Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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## FOR USE OF PUPILS

Important Change in School Library Management.

## WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD

Books to Be Placed in the School Building and Drawn on Library Cards—President's Committee.

The school board met last night in special session to hear President Fisher announce his committee. Next to the announcement of committee the most important business was a report from the committee on school library and apparatus and the public library recommending a great change in the system of supplemental reading for pupils in their work in school.

## Named the Committees.

President Fisher named the following committees:

Buildings—Trustees Bradfield, Crossman, Rowson, Bradford, Ledingwell. Apparatus and School Library—Trustees Andrus, Wagner and Brinkman. Grounds—Trustees Rowson, DeVries, Hay, Van Bree and Locher.

Supplies—Trustees Ledingwell, Crossman, Bradford, Maybury and DeJonge.

Special Training—Trustees FitzGerald, Rowson, Andrew, Bradford and Fuller.

Stationary Supplies—Trustees Chivers, Maybury and Van Bree. Teachers—Trustees Felker, Brinkman, Houseman, Andrus, Maybury, Ledingwell and Chelver.

Schools—Trustees Locher, Ware, Crossman, Bradford and DeVries. Text Books—Trustees Fuller, Stein and Fitzgerald.

Ways and Means—Trustees Houseman, Van Bree and Ware. Claims and Accounts—Trustees Hagy, Stein and Clotterhouse.

## An Important Change.

The committee on library and apparatus recommended that the principal in the different schools, at the beginning of each semester, may place a requisition with the committee on public library for the book needed for supplementary reading during the year, the principal to be charged with them, the books to be given out to the pupils on a library card to be issued at the general library, all to be under the supervision of the librarian, the superintendent of schools and the committee on library. That the present school libraries be returned to the public library.

The report was debated fully. Its object was explained to be to have the teacher supervise the reading of the pupils instead of allowing young readers to go to the library and take what they might happen to get.

Superintendent Chalmers explained that \$2,500 would pay for the first expense. The report was unanimously adopted. The Complete Bookkeeper, published by Williams & Rogers, was recommended as the text book for the commercial course. It was referred to the committee on text books.

## To Grade the Yard.

Mayor Stuart offered a resolution that the board proceed to finish the grading of the high school grounds. He said he did it to give employment to a few of the great army of idle workmen in the city. Trustee Felker moved to amend so that the expense should not exceed \$500. The resolution was adopted.

President Fisher called attention to the death of M. S. Crosby, who served for four years on the board of education. He suggested that it would be competent for the board to adopt resolutions on his death.

Trustee Houseman moved that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions. He moved that the president appoint Trustee Felker and Stein be appointed. Adopted.

Trustee Chelver moved that the committee on ways and means make an inventory of the personal property owned by the school board. Adopted.

## Changes in Street Car Service.

Several changes will take place in the street car service of the city tomorrow. The Taylor street cars will no longer run to Reed's lake, the last car will leave the lake at 10:10 p. m. instead of 11 o'clock as during the summer. The last car for the lake will leave the tower clock of 9:45 p. m. The same schedule will go into effect as will be in use during the winter.

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